

Proposal for the Wilkes-Barre Law Library Association -Women's Committee Meeting via Zoom, 12 Noon, January 14, 2021

Title: **"Next Generation Mentoring and Networking during the COVID Pandemic and Beyond"**

Presenter/facilitator: Joan M. Blewitt , Ph.D.

Overview: This program will address research and practical guidelines on the areas of mentoring and networking and will also include audience participation. The goal of the program is to emphasize the importance of these practices and provide skills and strategies for engaging in mentoring relationships, as well as to explore the most effective ways to network using the latest technology.

Topic Areas:

I. Mentoring: Research findings will be presented on the following topic areas:

- A. The Mentoring Relationship
- B. How to Be a Model Mentee
- C. Peer Mentoring Relationships
- D. E-Mentoring
- E. Audience Feedback and Interaction

II. Networking in the "New Normal"

- A. New Takes on Traditional Methods—"Working the Room" becomes "Working the Screen"
- B. LinkedIn
- C. Conducting Informational Interviews
- D. 5 Tips on Networking Effectively Online
- E. Be your "best self" on screen
- F. Audience participation: Break out room discussions

III. Question and Answer Session

Brief Bio—Joan M. Blewitt, Ph.D.

Dr. Joan M. Blewitt has been a member of the King's College community for nearly 40 years. When she first came to King's, Dr. Blewitt was charged with developing an academically oriented Career Planning and Placement Program. She did this over the course of nearly 25 years. The program continues to be viewed as one of the most effective student services on campus and won a national award during Dr. Blewitt's leadership.

After her experience of twenty-five years and her passion for teaching and working with students, Dr. Blewitt joined the faculty of the McGowan School of Business at King's College. A tenured, associate professor, she teaches courses in "Organizational Behavior" and "Business Communications and Mentoring". Each year she is the faculty coordinator of the McGowan School of Business Forum which places about 85 King's students with 40/45 alumni mentors for an evening of interaction and guidance.

Many of these meetings have created lasting relationships and have been viewed as “Win-Win’s” among both students and alumni alike. Her research has focused on the area of mentoring.

Dr. Blewitt earned her Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania and has been the recipient of the PNC Distinguished Service Professorship Award. A native of the local area, Dr. Blewitt has been quite engaged in the local community for many years and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Luzerne County Community College and is an active member of St. Ignatius Church. She lives in Kingston with her husband, Dr. Charles Blewitt, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Dr. J.C. Blewitt and James Blewitt. They are the even prouder grandparents of their first grandson, Luke, who just turned one year old.